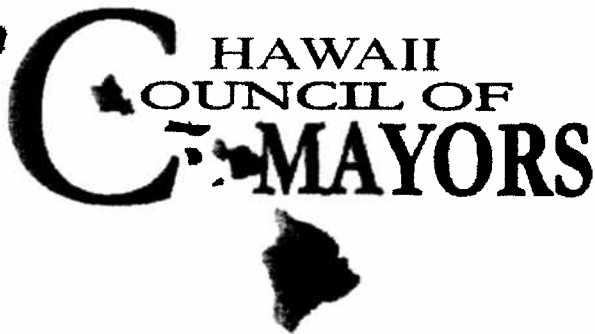


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Mr. George Kahoochanohano
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund
201 Merchant Street, Suite 1520
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Kahoochanohano:

We, the Hawaii Council of Mayors—Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr., Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Mayor Billy Kenoi, and Mayor Charmaine Tavares—urge the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to cancel the open enrollment underway this month.

We are concerned about the widespread confusion surrounding the changes in the open enrollment procedures, and also believe the information outreach to state and county workers leading up to this open enrollment period has been woefully inadequate.

The new EUTF enrollment procedures will generate a flood of paperwork to be processed by an agency that acknowledges it is critically short-handed. We are concerned this scenario could result in processing delays that would leave covered employees without access to the health insurance benefits to which they are entitled. This would negatively affect our employees and their families, and it is unacceptable.



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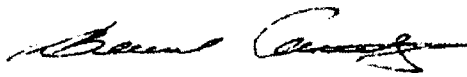


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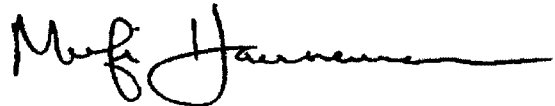
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The Hawaii Council of Mayors respectfully urges the EUTF Board of Trustees to delay the open enrollment until the process can be planned and executed in a more orderly fashion.

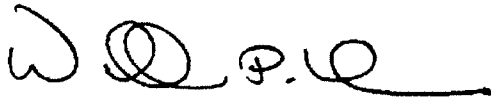
Aloha,



Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor of Kauai



Mufi Hannemann
Mayor of Honolulu



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